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The Honorable Louis Stokes  
Chairman  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
House of Representatives  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

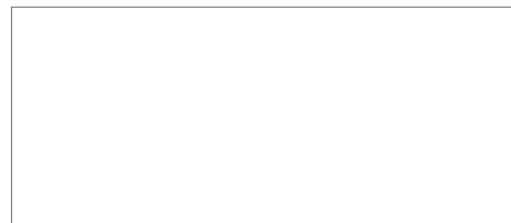
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Sincerely yours,

/s/ William H. Webster

William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence

cc: Honorable George P. Shultz  
Honorable Dante B. Fascell

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December 13, 1988

Honorable William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

Recently, the Committee staff was briefed by Assistant Secretary of State Robert Lamb and by [ ] the Director of the Security Evaluation Office (SEO), concerning the status of the SEO. It is my understanding that you and Secretary of State Shultz disagree on how an independent audit of the security of overseas missions should be conducted and on other matters that go to the heart of the SEO. It now appears that only the new Administration can resolve these differences.

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I wish to raise a note of caution with respect to this issue. My concern is that many in Congress will view the disagreement over this issue as a failure to address a critical security issue. I therefore expect that the 101st Congress will see efforts on the part of some Members to resolve this issue on the floor. Absent some early determination within the executive branch that satisfactorily settles questions on setting security standards for overseas missions and independently auditing compliance with those standards, I believe such Congressional efforts likely will receive strong support.

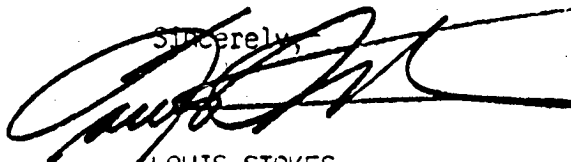
Accordingly, I have directed the staff of the Committee to work closely with the staff of the Foreign Affairs Committee to develop a joint legislative initiative which represents the views of both committees on this matter. Both Mr. Fascell and I have agreed in colloquy on the House floor that the President should decide such issues. If he does not do so quickly, however, Congress likely will step in. I believe that if that is to happen, it should be done by the committees of jurisdiction who have spent considerable time and effort in understanding security and counterintelligence issues and who provide resources to support programs in this area.

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I urge you and the Secretary to work closely and swiftly to seek resolution of these key issues. I further suggest that until some resolution is achieved that no additional personnel be brought on board at SEO. My impression is that SEO will have no opportunity to perform the kinds of joint audits it was established to perform until its charter or that of some other independent organization is agreed upon.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Louis Stokes, is written over the word "Sincerely,".

LOUIS STOKES  
Chairman

cc: Honorable George P. Shultz  
Honorable Dante B. Fascella

THE DIRECTOR OF  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

16 December 1988

Security Evaluation Office

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16 December 1988

NOTE FOR: ~~DCI~~  
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1. Please note my recommended reply from the DCI to Chairman Stokes concerning his letter of 13 December.

2. The D/OCA will provide you with a final draft reply. I draw your attention to the thrust of the reply which is to frame the issue of the Security Evaluation Office as a matter to be decided between the new President and the new Secretary of State.

3. It is important to the future equities of the DCI, as well as the CIA Office of Security, that this not be viewed as primarily a dispute between the DCI and the Department.

4. I will prepare some recommended correspondence from you to Scowcroft and Baker early next week. This correspondence will have the objective of alerting them to the Congressional consequences of continuing disagreement within the Executive Branch on the important issue of overseas security.

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